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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Island County

In January 2009 the Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System granted the application of emergency medical technician **Scott G. Houston** (ES60037979) and placed his license on probation for five years. He was convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol. He must comply with terms and conditions placed against his license.

King County

In January 2009 the X-Ray Technician and Radiologic Technologist Programs terminated the order of probation against the licenses of **Amy S. Bjorn** (XT00004313, RT00007143).

In January 2009 the Nursing Commission granted the application of licensed practical nurse **Stephanie B. Blackwell** (LP00059851) and placed terms and conditions against her license. She was convicted of theft of services, prostitution, intent/fraud to obtain transportation without paying, and obstructing a governmental administration. She's also prohibited from working as a certified nursing aide in any nursing home in the state of New York. She must comply with the terms and conditions set against her license.

In January 2009 the Board of Pharmacy reinstated the license of pharmacist **Guillermo Chang** (PH00040177) and placed it on probation for two years. He must comply with terms and conditions. Chang was convicted of first degree felony in New York and surrendered his

pharmacy license in that state. His Washington license was summarily suspended in November 2008 pending further proceedings.

In January 2009 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Kenneth G. Chew** (RN00046905) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against his license.

In January 2009 the Board of Pharmacy terminated the order of probation against pharmacist **Sohrab Daneshfar** (PH00021224).

In January 2009 the Medical Commission charged physician **Cor De Hart** (MD00029654) with unprofessional conduct. Allegations include diagnosing patients without adequate rationale for his diagnoses, prescribing high dose medications without an adequate rationale, failing to document sufficient patient history, diagnoses and rationale for medications prescribed.

In January 2009 the Respiratory Care Program charged **Patricia D. Martinell** (LR00001510) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against her license.

Kitsap County

In January 2009 the Registered Counselor Program charged **Sondra J. Marrow** (RC00058387) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against her registration.

In January 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Brittney N. White** (NC10093445) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against her certification.

Okanogan County

In January 2009 the Registered Counselor Program charged **Lisa L. Orr-Scalpcane** (RC00054837) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against her registration.

Pierce County

In January 2009 the Dental Commission amended the statement of charges against dentist **George C. Brian** (DE00003551). He allegedly performed dental work on patients without documenting a diagnosis, failed to keep adequate records on diagnoses, and placed crowns over abscessed teeth.

In January 2009 the Registered Counselor and Chemical Dependency Professional Programs charged **Karen J. Manners** (RC00036529, CP00004600) with unprofessional conduct. Her license to practice as a registered nurse in Washington was indefinitely suspended.

In January 2009 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Michael A. Porter** (RC60018197) and placed his registration on probation for three years. He was convicted of possession of a controlled substance. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

In January 2009 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Michelle A. Waelty** (LP00043031) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly admitted to using cocaine.

In January 2009 the Registered Counselor Program denied the application of **Gregory S. Wilford** (RC00058414). He was convicted of obstructing a public servant on more than one occasion and destruction of property on more than one occasion. He can't reapply for two years.

Skagit County

In January 2009 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Greg R. Eickmier** (RC60045897) and placed his registration on probation for two years. He was convicted of grand theft (property over \$400), and entered into a diversion program for use/under the influence of a controlled substance. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

In January 2009 the Registered Counselor Program reinstated the registration of **Robert L. Hendrick** (RC00006579) and placed restrictions against his registration. He must comply with terms and conditions placed against his registration.

Snohomish County

In January 2009 the Board of Podiatric Medicine entered into an agreed order with **John H. Brunzman** (PO00000246). He failed to respond to department inquiries in a timely manner regarding a complaint. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In January 2009 the Medical Commission charged physician **Kisoon Cho** (MD00029288) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to properly assess and diagnose a patient's symptoms, and failed to order appropriate tests.

Spokane County

In January 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program charged **Richard R. Cokusis** (HC00156295) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against his license.

In January 2009 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Antonia Agnes Shelton** (RC60041812) and placed her registration on probation for three years. She was convicted of possession of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance – methamphetamine, and driving under the influence. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

Thurston County

In January 2009 the Dietician and Nutritionist Program granted the application of nutritionist **Katherine R. Hart** (NU60040674) and placed her license on probation for two years. She was convicted of driving under the influence and entered into a deferred prosecution agreement for a second driving under the influence charge. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Yakima County

In January 2009 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Monica C. Garcia** (RC60033448) and placed her registration on probation for two years. She was convicted of theft. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

In January 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program granted the application of **Tambra G. Graham** (HC60045462) and placed her license on probation for four years. She was convicted of six counts of second degree theft. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Out of State

Idaho: In January 2009 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Geraldine A. Goode** (LP00032689) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly pinched a patient's nipples to rouse the patient from a non-responsive state.

New Mexico: In January 2009 the Board of Pharmacy placed the license of pharmacist **Paul A. Schentrup** (PH00018372) on probation for five years. His license to practice as a pharmacist in New Mexico was placed on probation. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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